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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the inventor(s) named below, I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

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I/we believe I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims thereof, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

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All statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true, all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that the making of willful false statements or the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

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